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In re application of:

RYOZO SETOGUCHI

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For: METHOD FOR
CONSTRUCTING/CONTROLLING
WEB-ORIENTED PICTURE IMAGE
DATABASE

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)(2)**

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application, which is now entering the U.S. National Stage pursuant to 35 U.S.C. Section 371, hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant arts along with the Form PTO-1449 which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

- A. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2001-8027 published in Japan on January 12, 2001;
- B. Hashimoto et al., "Hierarchical Image Coding and Transmission Scheme for Telemedicine Using Segmented Haar Wavelet Transform and Golomb-Rice Codes", Denshi Tsushin Gakkai Ronbunshi, D-II, 2000. 1, Vol. J83-D-II, No. 1, pp 303-310; and
- C. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 9-34906 published in Japan on February 7, 1997.

The above-listed prior art A and B, which are all in Japanese, are cited in the International Search Report issued by Japanese Patent Office to the above-identified International Application.

Though these prior art A and B cited in the Search Report are not in the English language, the Search Report (a copy thereof enclosed) is written in English and the degree of relevance is indicated therein by way of the markings of Xs and Ys along with the explanation of such markings. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) for each of these non-English language prior art is satisfied, and an English concise explanation thereof is omitted herein.

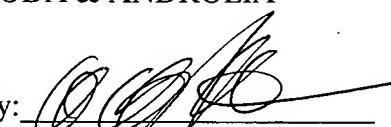
Nonetheless, an English language abstract is attached to prior art B.

Prior art C is in Japanese, and the English translation of this prior art is not available at this time to the undersigned. However, an English language abstract is attached to this prior art C. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance is satisfied, and an English concise explanation thereof is omitted herein.

Accordingly, it is hereby respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant art and consider them during the examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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